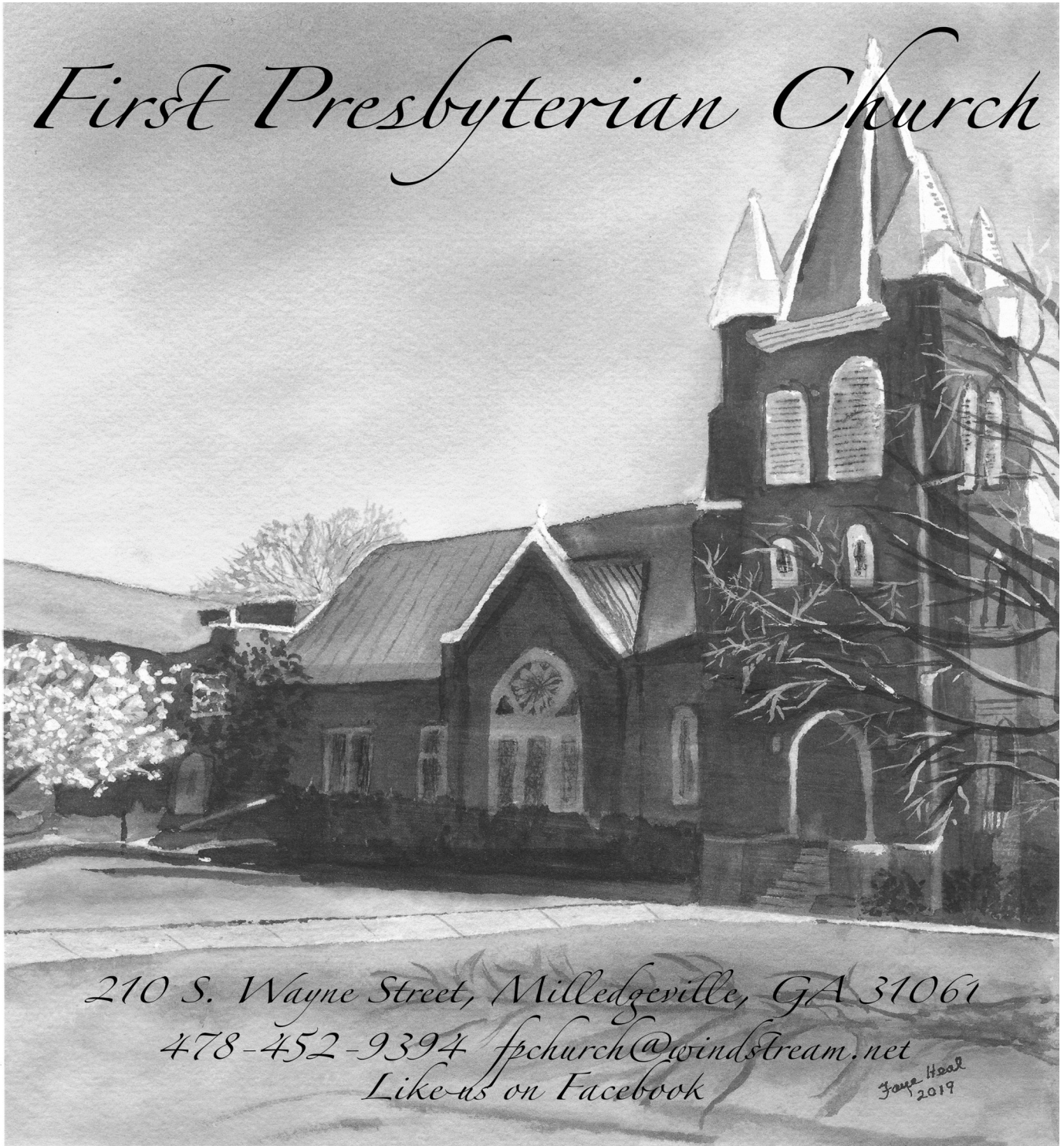


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2019*

**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

I Danced in the Morning

Emma Lou Diemer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Liturgist or Minister. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

We are one in the Spirit

GTG #300, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Congregation: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

Congregation: in your light we see light.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gloria Burns

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, when despair and doubt surround us, help us to find hope in Your promises. Your Word reminds us that You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Let this truth be a source of hope in our worship and life together. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN 2

Come Thou Almighty King

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE

We will walk with each other

GTG #300, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

**Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!
Amen, amen**

PEACE

O heavenly Word, eternal Light,
 Begotten of the Father's might;
 Who, in these latter days, was born,
 For blessing to a world forlorn.
 Our hearts enlighten from above,
 And kindle with thine own true love;
 That we, who hear thy truth today,
 All wrong desires may cast away.
 O let us not, for evil past,
 Be driven from thy face at last;
 But with the saints for evermore,
 Behold Thee, love Thee, and adore.
 to God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit, ever One;
 Praise, honor, might and glory be,
 From age to age eternally. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we need the guidance of your Word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

		Pew Bible Page #
PSALM	Psalm 130	OT P 573
GOSPEL	John 2:1-11	NT P 93
SERMON	"Out of the Depths"	Reverend Dale Chapin
*HYMN 39	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

INVITATION TO OFFERING



Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



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OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

Ever Faithful, Ever Near
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Franklin Ritter

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's
extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them,
Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy
lives. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 772

Live Into Hope

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION *We will work with each other*

GTG #300, vs. 3-4

POSTLUDE

Bourrée in F Major

Georg Telemann, arr. Lani Smith

We welcome Reverend Dale Chapin to the pulpit today. Rev. Dr. Dale Chapin, five years retired, was a PC(USA) pastor for 48 years serving churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin. He now lives on Lake Oconee in Greensboro, GA with his wife, Marlene, where he enjoys fishing, chasing his grandkids (Luca age 6 & Alessia age 14 mos) and occasional preaching. Dale received his seminary training at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary outside Boston, MA. He was ecstatic to see the snow last week having been raised in upstate New York.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Pat and Sherry Henry.

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution by *The Presbyterian Outlook*.



LIMITED MOBILITY

Helen Danuser

CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, completed cancer treatments and showing no sign of the disease, attending seminary in Atlanta, **Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030**
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Ellen Thompson, recovering at home with a broken hip

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns
Nick Carruthers, Sunda Coleman's great nephew, recovering from car accident in hospital
Blake Connolly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns
Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis
Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Kathy Hall, Gini Wilkerson's mother, knee replacement surgery
Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma
Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Donald Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, recovering from back surgery
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, back in the hospital
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon
Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, in Macon ICU after suffering heart attack
Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns
Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care
Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549
Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Runette Pounds, Oaks at Lake Wildwood, Rm 109 Cherry St, 6191 Peake Rd, Macon, GA 31220
Suzy Smith, The Haven 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 19- January 26

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	1:30	Homelessness Awareness Club
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry and Samaritan Ministry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Wednesday Night Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The UMC Bridge Bible Study
Thursday	6:00	IOBI
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Milly Free Fridge Service Opportunity
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship



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(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



Join us for worship in-person, online at Facebook Live or on the radio at 102.3 WKZR radio every week.

Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*
www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781
Passcode: 085809

Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying *Who Needs God* by Harold Kushner, meeting in the Parlor Room

10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying Letters to the Romans, meeting in the Fellowship Hall



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Support the PC(USA)'s response to the California wildfires

As people of God, once again we are called
to stand with our siblings in the “GAP” —
Give, Act and Pray.



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2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.